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Letter dated 5 June 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous correspondence concerning Israel's continuing acts of aggression against Lebanon, the latest of which was submitted yesterday (document A/46/216-S/22670), I hereby inform you that the Israeli air force conducted a further raid on Lebanese territory during the night of 5/6 June 1991. This time it targeted the village of Lebaa, east of the city of Sidon, with the result that three people were killed, six others injured and a number of residential buildings destroyed. Meanwhile, a final tally of victims of the raid conducted on Tuesday, 4 June 1991, has now risen to 12.

This Israeli military escalation was accompanied by statements on the part of the Minister of Defence in the Knesset, in which he announced that Israel would maintain its attacks in accordance with its policy vis-à-vis Lebanon "which has not changed and will not change in the future".

Deploring and condemning once again the continuous violation of Lebanon's sovereignty and exposure of its citizens and residents to constant danger, the Lebanese Government draws the attention of international public opinion to Israel's persistent policy, pursued by all possible means, of disturbing the security and political situation in Lebanon and determination to keep that country inside the vortex of violence from which the Lebanese Government is energetically endeavouring to extract it.

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The Lebanese Government calls upon the Security Council, and its five permanent members in particular, to take serious action to end Israel's acts of aggression and implement resolution 425 (1978), with a view to arresting the deterioration of the situation in southern Lebanon, which threatens that country's process of salvation, besides creating an explosive situation which threatens international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 35 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
Ambassador
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